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A.—(a) At present the Madras Services Commission have been asked to select candidates for admission to the services and posts mentioned in the annexed list.[a]

The Commission have also been asked to consider and submit proposals for the taking over by them of the duties now performed by the Commissioner for Government Examinations and the Board of Examiners in respect of the examinations and tests prescribed for members of the Provincial and Subordinate services and holders of special posts and probationers.

(b) Probably the selection of appointments to the Judicial Branch of the Madras Civil Service will be excluded from the scope of the Commission as the power to appoint district munsifs is conferred by law on the High Court. It is not possible at this stage to say whether any other services or posts will be excluded from the scope of the Commission.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I draw the attention of the hon. the Member for Revenue to the list appended to the answer? There are certain posts mentioned there. May I enquire on what principle or lines these appointments are brought within the purview of the Public Services Commission while others of a similar kind are omitted ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I am not sure if there is any definite principle beyond the fact that the work of the Staff Selection Board was confined to the Madras City and not to the whole Presidency of Madras, and it is not desirable to compel candidates for minor appointments and for appointments in particular districts only to come up to Madras for interview."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know why some Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors of City Police are included and why Sub-Inspectors of Police in the rest of the Presidency are not included in the list ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" The selection of Sub-Inspectors of Police in the mufassal is made locally and it is not considered desirable to call upon the candidates to come up to Madras."

Staff Selection Board

Selection of Deputy Tahsildars in December 1929.

* 1447 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to place before the Council a statement showing

(a) the names, father's name, religion, caste, race, educational and special qualifications of the candidates selected by the Staff Selection Board for the posts of Deputy Tahsildars in December 1929 ;

(b) how many Indian Christians applied for the posts and what their qualifications were ;

(c) who were appointed by Government out of the candidates selected ; and

(d) why no Indian Christian was appointed ?

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 141–142 infra.

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A.—(*a*) The report of the Staff Selection Board is confidential and the Government regret that they are unable to publish the information asked for.

(*b*) Six applied, of whom three were B.A. and three B.A. (Honours).

(*c*) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 2634, Revenue, dated 18th December 1929, which has been made available to the Press.

(*d*) The selection was made with due regard to the merits and qualifications of the candidates belonging to the several communities.

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Do the Government think that the names of the candidates, their fathers' names, religion and caste are confidential ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" The recommendations of the Staff Selection Board are confidential. "

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I did not ask for the recommendations. I only wanted a statement of all the different candidates and qualifications of those persons who were selected ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" That is confidential. "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know why it is considered confidential ? "

The hon Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" It is left to Government to decide who should be selected. "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Who were the candidates that were selected by the Staff Selection Board ? Why should that be confidential ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" It has been treated as such and it is not considered desirable to publish the list. "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Is it owing to the fact that considerations which prevailed upon the Staff Selection Board were not of such a nature as would stand publicity ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" No, Sir. "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" If it is not the fact, why should it not be published ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It has already been answered. "

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know why the two candidates were selected who were over-aged ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I must ask for notice. "

Education

Alleged retention of a Tamil graduate as the Headmaster of the Government Muhammadan Training School, Bellary.

*1448 *Q.*—Khan Sahib K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Headmaster, Government Muhammadan Training School, Bellary, is only a Tamil graduate ;